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Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Notice of Allowability mailed on 6/1/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20 renumbered as 1-9, 11-12, 14-15, 10, 13, 17, 16, and 18-20 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 13 March 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Authorization for the following examiner's amendment was given in a telephonic Conversation with Wayne P. Bayley, Reg.# 34,289 on 7/20/2005:

PLEASE AMEND THE CLAIMS AS FOLLOWS:

CLAIMS 3, AND 5,

REPLACE THE FOLLOWING WORD: "DOCUMENT" WITH THE WORD "METHOD" FOUND IN LINE 1.

19. (Currently amended) A client system, in a particular a client system, for carrying out the method according to claim 10 for searching documents in a network comprising a plurality of server systems, wherein
a document can be accessed on the server system from the client system, comprising information related to a geographic location, said document characterized in that it comprises a tag including a tag identifier and a geographic address, said geographic address comprising encoded geographic coordinates of the geographic location described or referenced in the document and said tag identifies the tag as being a geographical tag to enable geographic search capability of the tag,
said system comprising the means for:

- specifying a reference point;
- determining geographic coordinates of said reference point;
- encoding said geographic coordinates in a geographic address;

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- searching on the plurality of server systems for documents tagged with said geographic address;
- specifying a geographic area around the reference point;
- determining geographic coordinates of said geographic area;
- encoding said geographic coordinates in a fuzzy geographic address;
- searching on the plurality of server systems, for documents tagged with a geographic address corresponding to a geographic location within the geographic area;
- wherein said means for encoding geographic coordinates of geographic area in a fuzzy geographic address comprises further computing fuzzy geographic coordinates by replacing a wild card character for one or several less significant digits of absolute geographic coordinates (X_r , Y_r) of the reference point depending on a specified geographic area, said wild card character being interpreted as “any trailing string”, and including said fuzzy geographic coordinates in said fuzzy geographic address;
- retrieving absolute geographic coordinates from the geographic address tagged on the documents; and,
- mapping the geographic location according to said retrieved absolute geographic coordinates.

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Conclusion

I. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cesar B. Paula whose telephone number is (571) 272-4128. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong, can be reached on (571) 272-4124. However, in such a case, please allow at least one business day.

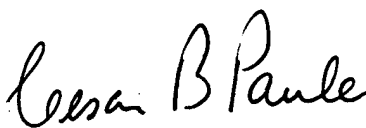
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